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Cmr. George P. Bush announces results of Regional Planning Studies Survey

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AUSTIN — Today Commissioner George P. Bush announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) results of a regional planning studies survey, which closed Sept. 14 after gathering 189 responses from citizens, local officials, councils of government and river authorities in communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey, outside Harris County and the city of Houston.

"Hurricane Harvey's devastation was unprecedented, but Texas continues to pull together to help one another rebuild stronger and more resilient," said Commissioner Bush. "Gathering local input to determine which projects will be the most effective in mitigating disaster impacts is critical to comprehensive long-term recovery. Not only will this input help ensure that we use funds where they are most needed, but it will also be key in protecting against future catastrophes."

Participants in the survey indicated flood control and drainage improvements as the top needs for their communities. The survey is part of a larger outreach effort to gather local and regional input for the \$137 million in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds available for local, regional and state planning. To review the survey results, please visit <http://recovery.texas.gov/files/programs/planning/regional-planning-survey-results.pdf>.

Using the results of the survey, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) will now conduct a study to determine which projects will best address the concerns identified by local input, as mandated by the federal process for using CDBG-DR funds.

About GLO Community Development and Revitalization (CDR)

In addition to short-term housing in partnership with Federal Emergency Management Agency, the CDR division of the Texas General Land Office administers the Housing and Urban Development CDBG-DR funds on behalf of the state of Texas. More than \$9 billion has been allocated for recovery following Hurricanes Rita, Dolly, and Ike, the

2011 wildfires, the 2015 and 2016 floods and Hurricane Harvey. These grants can be used for a wide variety of activities including housing redevelopment, infrastructure repair and long-term planning. For more information, please visit <http://recovery.texas.gov/>.

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